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1. OCTOBER 18 DIE WELT CARRIES FRONT PAGE ARTICLE BY
HEINZ HECK DESCRIBING CONFLICTING POSITIONS OF DIFFERENT
FRG MINISTRIES TOWARD PROPOSED EC COMMUNICATION TO
UNCTAD ON COMMON FUND. DIE WELT ARTICLE STATES THAT
THE ECONOMICS AND FINANCE MINISTRIES OPPOSE ANY APPROVAL
BY BRUSSELS OF THE COMMON FUND, WHILE THE MFA AND
MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION SUPPORT SUCH APPROVAL.
DIE WELT ALSO REPORTS THAT TODENHOEFER, THE OPPOSITION
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SPEAKER IN PARLIAMENT ON DEVELOPMENT POLICY, HAS CALLED

UPON CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT TO ENSURE THAT MINISTER GENSCHER DOES NOT MAKE ANY DECLARATIONS ON THE COMMON FUND WHICH DO NOT HAVE FULL GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT AT EC FOREIGN MINISTER CONFERENCE. TODENHOEFER REPORTEDLY ADVISED THAT GENSCHER'S TASK SHOULD INSTEAD BE TO MAKE CLEAR TO OTHER MINISTERS THAT THE PLANNED ACQUIESCENCE OF THE COMMUNITY TO THE COMMON FUND WOULD LEAD TO A PROCESS OF DISINTEGRATION OF THE GLOBAL FREE MARKET ECONOMY. TODENHOEFER FURTHER WARNED THAT THE COMMON FUND WOULD ENTAIL UNFORSEEABLE FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR THE FRG, WITHOUT PROVIDING RECOGNIZABLE BENEFITS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

2. TODENHOEFER'S ATTACK ON COMMON FUND WAS ALSO CARRIED BY OTHER MAJOR PAPERS, INCLUDING FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG.
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